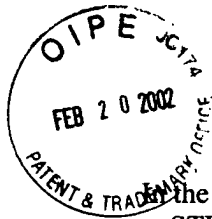


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Sir:

The prosecution of this application has resulted in the cancellation of claims so that less than all the originally named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention being claimed.

Please amend this application to delete Emil M. Orozco, Jr. as co-inventor. Emil M. Orozco Jr. is being deleted as a co-inventor for this application because his invention is no longer being claimed in the application.

Please charge the required fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) of \$130.00 to Deposit Account 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company). If this fee is insufficient or incorrect, please charge or credit the balance to the above-identified account.

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